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MARTINSON, HEMPHILL APPOINTED AS FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Appointments of regional directors in the Portland, Ore., and Minneapolis, Minn., offices of the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service were announced today by Service Acting Director F. Victor Schmidt. Named to the positions were R. Kahler Martinson, 38, in Portland and Jack E. Hemphill, 49, in Minneapolis.

"The capabilities of these men have enabled them to rise rapidly in the Fish and Wildlife Service," Schmidt said. "We are fortunate to be able to call upon them to fill these important field positions."

Martinson has been an acting assistant director for the Service in Washington since January 1972 and before that served as a deputy assistant director. From 1968 to 1971 he was in charge of the agency's waterfowl survey and banding operations.

Martinson joined the Service in 1964, spending four years at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Md. He was employed by Ohio's Division of Wildlife from 1960 to 1962 and by North Dakota's Game and Fish Department from 1962 to 1964.

Martinson majored in wildlife management, receiving a B.S. from South Dakota State College and an M.A. from the University of Missouri.

The new Portland chief was born and raised in Ortonville, Minn. His wife is the former Donna Keeter of Bradleyville, Mo. The family includes Ronald, 9, and Maria, 8.

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Hemphill moves to Minneapolis from Atlanta, where he was deputy regional director. He was an assistant regional director in Portland from 1967 to 1971.

Hemphill joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1956. Most of his early career was spent in the Division of Fishery Services. He was assistant chief of the division in Washington for a year, 1961-1962, and became the division's regional supervisor in Albuquerque from 1962 to 1967.

Hemphill, who was born in Bisbee, Ariz., was chief of fisheries for Arizona's Game and Fish Commission from 1950 to 1955.

After a tour in the Navy from 1941 to 1944, Hemphill enrolled at Arizona State, later receiving a B.S. in fishery management in 1950 from Oregon State University.

The new regional director is married to the former Charlotte Offen of Pittsburgh, Pa. Their children are Mrs. Charlotte Sparger of Hackensack, N.J., and Roy of Portland, Ore.

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